REMARKS

Claims 1, 5-9, 15-19, 24-27 and 33-38 are pending.

Claims 1, 5-9, 15-19, 24-27 and 33-36 have been allowed. Claims 19 and 24 have been amended to correct typographical errors and therefore remain allowed. New claims 48-52 have been added. Claims 37 and 38 have been cancelled. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration and reexamination of the above-referenced patent application, is respectfully requested.

Claim Objection

Claims 37 and 38 have been objected to. These claims have been cancelled and the objection has been overcome.

Allowed Claims

Claims 1, 5-9, 15-19, 24-27 and 33-36 have been allowed.

New independent claim 48 includes limitations similar in scope as the allowable claim 1. New independent claim 51 includes limitations similar in scope as the allowable claim 9. Applicants submit that claims 48 and 51 and their corresponding dependent claims are in the condition for allowance.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call David Tran at (408) 765-4692. Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 50-0221 for any charges that may be due.

Respectfully submitted,

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